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This year's Red Earth festival began with a parade of elaborate floats from various Native tribes through downtown Oklahoma City and the Myriad Gardens. The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Chiefs don one of many floats the C&A tribes displayed during the parade. (See **story** *pg. 2,* **photo layout** *pg. 13)*

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CATV releases new documentary, *Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek*

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The theatre lights dim.

The big screen flashes solid black with bold white type.

"On November 29, 1864 Col. John Chivington led an attack against a group of Cheyenne and Arapaho camped in Southeast Colorado. Chivington and his soldiers killed approximately 200 Cheyenne and Arapaho people – mostly women, children, and elders. Many of those killed were also mutilated."

The bluesy sound of musician Otis Taylor fades in with his rendition of *Sand Creek Massacre Mourning*, capturing everyone in the audience.

The documentary premiered June 4 at Harkins Theatre in Oklahoma City. A total of 266 tickets were distributed for the first showing, with 100 tickets reserved for elders only.

Last November, Cheyenne and Arapaho television crew joined over 100 tribal members in Colorado to observe a week of events honoring the 150th commemoration of the Sand Creek Massacre.

Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek is a behind-the-scenes look at that week. Through interviews with tribal elders, runners, and observers, the audience will gain an understanding of the emotions Sand Creek evokes. From the opening ceremonies, each day of the Healing Run, the candle light vigil, and the last day's walk through downtown Denver, Sacred Steps brings these experiences to life.

"We just started shooting everything out there and we came back with over 20 plus hours of stuff, and I thought, 'I can do something with this.' You know, if I had known it was going to be on a big screen we would have shot some things differently, who knew?" Darren Brown, CATV producer laughed.

He said the documentary was a team effort, combining footage shot by freelancer Lance Rivas, Mark Welch, CATV producer and Randy Burleson, director of CATV.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Cheyenne & Arapaho television producers, Randy Burleson and Darren Brown attend the premiere of their first one-hour documentary, Sacred Steps: Remembering Sand Creek at the Harkins Theatre in Oklahoma City.

"I am so proud of my crew that produced this film. Darren Brown did an awesome job editing this piece and the whole crew did an awesome job of shooting all the footage," Burleson said as he stood in the lobby of the theatre shaking hands and being congratulated by guests. "The hardest job was trying to pull out all the stuff

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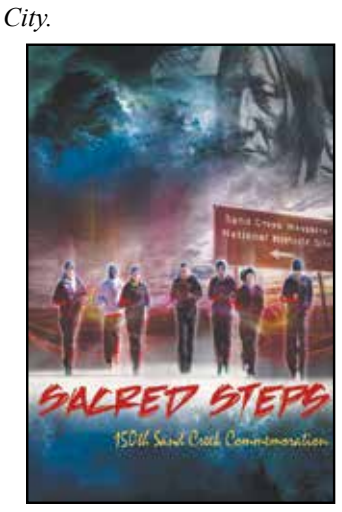

Press Association presents awards during annual convention

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune Places 2nd-Sustaining Member-Event 8 News Writing

(*Oklahoma City*) The Oklahoma Press Association presented its Better Newspaper Contest Awards during the OPA Annual Convention, June 4-6, at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City.

Also announced during the awards banquet were the recipients of the OPA H. Milt Phillips Award and the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation's Beachy Musselman Award.

Receiving the H. Milt Phillips Award was Joe Worley, former executive editor of the *Tulsa World*. The Milt Phillips Award recipient is selected by the OPA Board of Directors.

Worley served as executive editor of the World from April 1, 1995, until his retirement in December 2014. He still continues to write for the paper as a staff writer.

His leadership at the World has made one of the state's great newspapers even better. Worley's high journalistic standards are well known statewide and serve as an example to his peers. His willingness to share his time and talents with the Oklahoma Press Association has greatly enriched the organization. He is a past president of the OPA.

Worley received the Society of Professional Journalists Oklahoma Pro Chapter award in 1999 for work to protect the First Amendment. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in 2007. In addition, he has been a member of the boards of the state's Mental Health Association and the Tulsa Press Club. He participated in Leadership Tulsa in 1990 and Leadership Oklahoma in 2006.

Receiving the ONF Beachy Musselman Award was Julie DelCour, longtime associate editor of the *Tulsa World*. She joined the World staff in 1977 as a business writer. During her time as a reporter, DelCour covered

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Art and history come together at Red Earth

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

The drumbeat pounds life into the arena, enwrapping the dancers, the spectators and the artists in its cultural embrace through the sprawl of the 2015 Red Earth Festival where all have gathered to celebrate Native art.

This year's festival began with a parade of elaborate floats from various Native tribes through downtown Oklahoma City and the Myriad Gardens. It then moved into the Cox Convention Center and out of the Oklahoma summer heat, to commence in earnest with its grand entry, dance competitions and dance offs, demonstrations of artistic techniques like hoop dancing and the opening of the art market.

Over 150 artists displayed the fruits of their labors in booths sprawled out around the dance arena, selling works and explaining history to an internationally varied crowd. Many of the artists are busy throughout the year traveling to other shows or working the often unavoidable day job, so Red Earth also gives them a chance to catch up with old friends.

Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

Artists George Levi and Brent Learned display their historically rich work full of ledger art and depictions of traditional Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal stories.

For example, Cheyenne artist Harvey Pratt described the joy he feels in seeing the growing families of ones he has met at Red Earth and swapped stories with others about the early days of the festival.

"I always enjoy coming to Red Earth. I've done all 29 years, since the very first one. I tell people the first year the Seminoles from Florida came in and they brought their own alligators and their own swimming pool and wrestled alligators! And they wouldn't let them do it anymore," Pratt said laughing.

Pratt took time out of his busy schedule as a forensic artist for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation where he uses his creative talent to help solve crimes.

"But I always enjoy it here. I think the art is really excellent," Pratt said. "There are a lot of really talented Native Americans."

The festival's grand entry honored many from veterans to volunteers, to dancers and to artists. The chosen Honored One was Cheyenne artist Merlin Little Thunder, who walked proudly just behind the festival's head dancers in the grand entry and then hurried back to his booth and his art.

While signing and drawing in an autograph book from another artist, a yearbook of sorts for the 2015 festival since each artist sketches something small in their style next to their name, Little Thunder spoke highly of Red Earth.

"This is a festival for all the people and all the Indian people to come together to showcase their talents, their art, their skills. It's for all of us, it's not just for those famous artists out there. It's for the crafters. Whatever your talent or ability is, this is the time to come out here and showcase it," Little Thunder said. "We're a people that celebrate everything. We use this opportunity to show people we're proud of our heritage."

Much of the artwork at Red Earth had deep historical and cultural meaning to the artists. A simple question on the type of paper used for a painting could easily turn into a mini-lecture on the impact of the past on the artistic creations of today.

Artists George Levi and Brent Learned showed their work together in a booth, happily explaining the significance of ledger art and describing their recent exhibition *One November Morning: Art on Sand*

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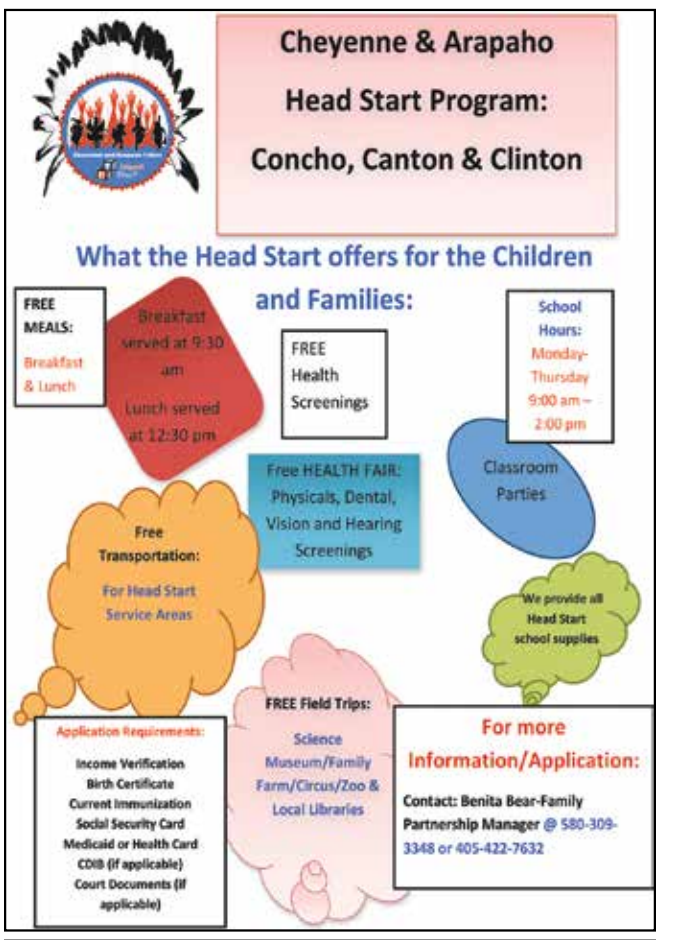

Sovereignty Symposium connects tribes

By Shaida, Tabrizi Reporter/Ad Sales

For 28 years, politicians, tribal members and international ambassadors have met together to exchange ideas on the common legal issues facing citizens in the state of Oklahoma at the Sovereignty Symposium.

This year's symposium was held June 3 and 4 at the Skirvin Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City, drawing a crowd of speakers and attendees from all walks of life. The theme setting the tone for the discussions was "Everything is Interrelated."

Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

Governor Eddie Hamilton and Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey carry the C&A tribes' flag past the gathered crowd at the opening ceremony of the 2015 Sovereignty Symposium.

Indeed, ideas of connectedness wound their way through the dialogues as speakers compared thoughts ranging from the best way to manage the state budget to the positive and negative sides to Indian boarding schools to health care and gaming. Though speakers disagreed from time to time, the mood remained tranquil and often deeply personal as many dredged up past experiences to best illustrate their points.

The panel dealing with the complicated history of Indian boarding schools involved many from the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, like political activist Suzan Shown Harjo, Chief Gordon Yellowman and artist Harvey Pratt. Though some spoke of the benefits to attending a boarding school, the panel ended on a somber note with the reading of Harjo's poem *There Were Children in the Wetlands and Marshes*, telling the tale of children running away from such schools.

The best-attended event of the symposium was the opening ceremony and keynote address on the afternoon of June 4. The ceremony demonstrated the theme of interrelatedness through the presentation of flags for all the 39 Oklahoma Native American tribes to the sound of singers from the Southern Nation. Cheyenne Chief Gordon Yellowman offered a camp call followed by an invocation by Methodist Bishop of Oklahoma, Robert E. Hayes Jr.

Once each tribe's flag had been carried past the attentive and picture-snapping audience, Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin welcomed all with a strong endorsement for all the Sovereignty Symposium accomplishes.

"It is very important that we have our state leaders and our tribal leaders meet together to share the best ideas, to undertake so many different challenges and opportunities that face the state of Oklahoma and to come together for the common good and that is to serve our fellow citizens," Fallin said.

Following her was the keynote address by the Right Honorable Emma Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne and the Royal County of Berkshire who serves as a member of the House of Lords in the United Kingdom Parliament. Nicholson focuses much of her political work on foreign relations and spoke at length about how impressive she finds the experiences of Native American people in the U.S.

"The only way to make peace is to do the kinds of things you're doing here. Making a pattern for a decent life for somebody," she said. "What I want to ask you is to share it. I come

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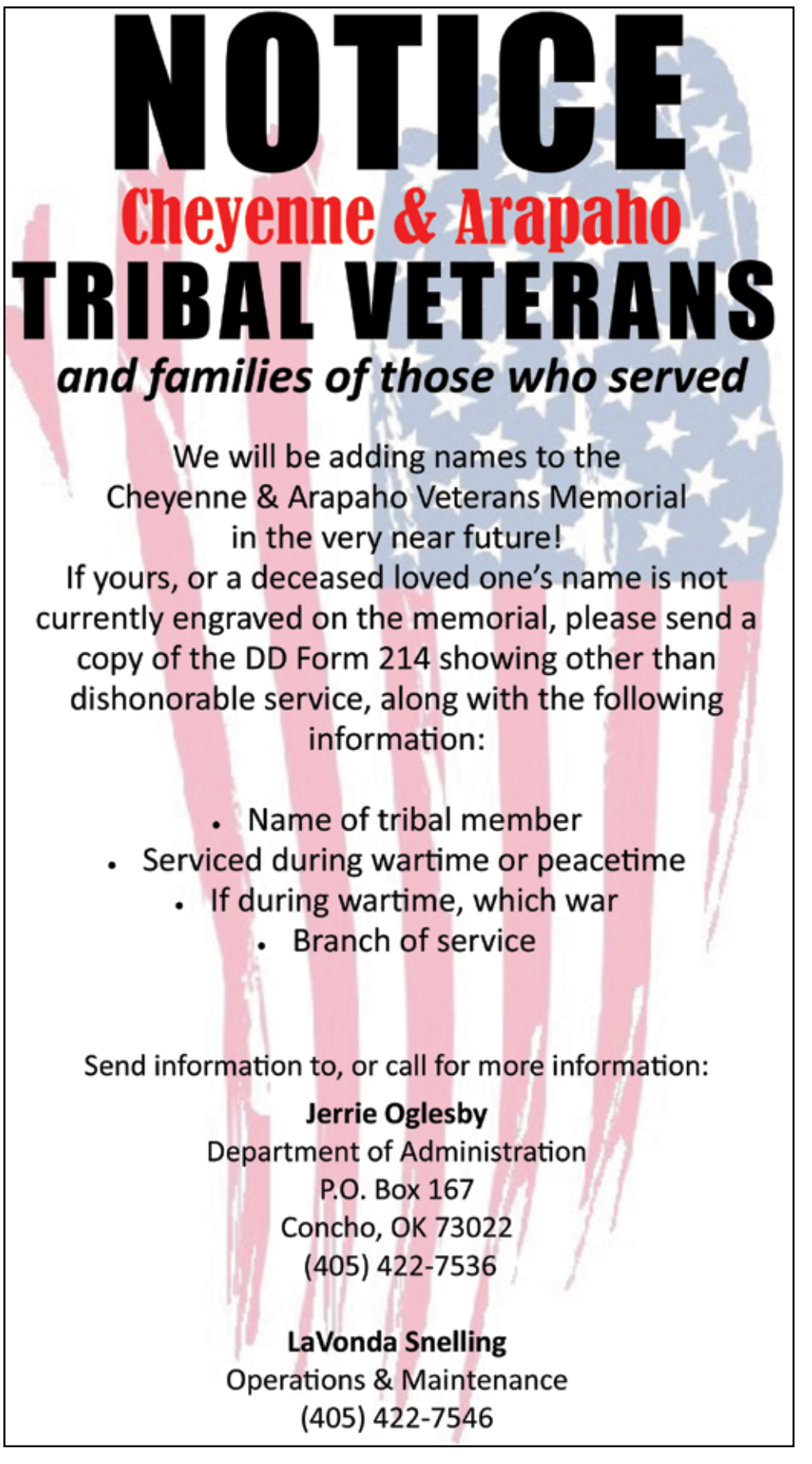


The Cheyenne & Arapaho Election Commission announces the 2015 preliminary candidates

Final Candidate listing will be published August 15th, 2015.

(CONCHO, OK)-June 8, 2015 - The Cheyenne & Arapaho Election Commission releases the preliminary candidates for the following District Legislator and Election Commissioners.

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE SEATS
Cheyenne District 1
Bruce Whiteman Jr.-Incumbent
Karen Michelle Bigfoot
Amber Bighorse
Wilma Blackbear
Burl Buffalomeat
David Ramos Jr.
Bryan Redhat
Cheyenne District 3
Cheevers Heap of Birds-Incumbent
Damon Dunbar
Darrell Flyingman
Eddie Henry Jr.
Chester Old Bear
Jerry RomanNose
Reggie Wassana

DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE SEATS-Cont'd:
Arapaho District 3
Patrick Spottedwolf-Incumbent
Arapaho District 4
Winslow Sankey Jr.-Incumbent

ELECTION COMMISSION
Cheyenne District 2-NONE
Cheyenne District 4-NONE
Arapaho District 1-NONE
Arapaho District 2-Dale Hamilton Sr.

Important Dates to Remember
Primary and General Elections

May 1, 2015 - Candidate registration for elective offices open
June 1, 2015-Candidate registration for elective offices closes
June 15, 2015-Announce preliminary list of qualified candidates and eligible voters
July 15, 2015-Last day to file any written challenges to the preliminary list of qualified candidates or eligible voters
Aug. 1, 2015-Election Commission will decide all written challenges by this date.
Aug. 15, 2015-Announce the final list of candidates and eligible voters
Sept. 4, 2015-Last day to request an absentee ballot
Sept. 15, 2015-Absentee ballots mailed out
Oct. 6, 2015-PRIMARY ELECTION
Oct. 13, 2015-Absentee ballots mailed out
Nov. 3, 2015-GENERAL ELECTION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Culture & Heritage Program will be hosting a craft time activity in Geary, Okla., June 17-18, 2015.

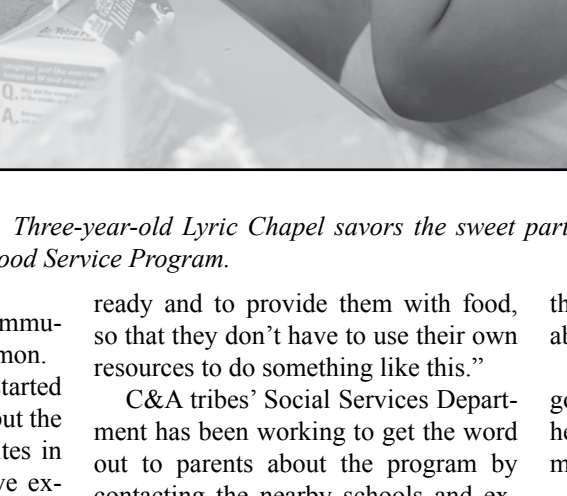
We encourage those who may be participating in this year's upcoming ceremonies, who will need shawls for their giveaways or dance, to please attend and take advantage of this opportunity.

All crafts made will be yours to keep for participating in the class.

For more information please contact the Culture & Heritage Program at (405) 422-7433 or (405) 422-7704.

Hooked on Health: Men's Health Day June 18

(Concho, OK) The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Integris Men's Health, Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board and Clinton Indian Health Service have joined forces to launch an inaugural, *Hooked on Health-Men's Health Day*.



Health Screenings will be provided that include blood pressure reading, blood glucose monitoring, cholesterol check, and foot exams. Classes will be offered in the following areas, Intro to Mental Health, Intro to Mental Health First Aid, CPR Learning Session and other fun activities and door prizes. A light breakfast and lunch will be served.

"I am so excited that the tribes are collaborating with the OCAITHB, IHS and Integris to facilitate this event. We created this event to enhance the lives of our Native men by promoting healthy lifestyles and removing informational barriers that stand before our people. We are offering a lot of comprehensive information and services to increase health prevention and improve our health," Health Education Director, Deborah Ellis said.

The event will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, June 18 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. (In case of bad weather the event will be moved to the Concho Community Center.)

For further information, please contact Deborah Ellis at (405) 422-7674 or email dellis@c-a-tribes.org.

Keeping kids fed this summer

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

There are almost one million children under the age of 18 in Oklahoma, and one third of them use the free and reduced-priced meals provided by federal nutrition programs at their schools. And 15 percent of Oklahoman households are classified as 'Food Insecure' by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). Organizations across the state are teaming up to make sure kids are eating well this summer outside the provision of school lunches.

For example, the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes have partnered up with Feed the Children for a 'Summer Food Service' program. Children 18 and under are invited to a free meal from June 1 to July 31, 2015 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m at the Head Start centers in Concho and Canton, and the community centers in Watonga and Hammon.

Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

Three-year-old Lyric Chapel savors the sweet part of her healthy lunch at the Summer Food Service Program.

The summer feeding program started last year with Feed the Children, but the organization only had 11 meal sites in four counties. This year they have expanded the program to reach even more children and now provide meals to 15 counties.

"We're really putting forth the effort to find partners that are already doing good things," Clint McKnight, domestic programming manager for Feed the Children said. "We had a box truck event down at the C&A Food Distribution center in Watonga. There were so many families that showed up and we saw such a great response to that, how appreciative they were, and what the need was, that we really sought out the C&A Nation. Because that one event was so great, we went out to try to find partners that are doing good stuff already and to provide them with food, so that they don't have to use their own resources to do something like this."

C&A tribes' Social Services Department has been working to get the word out to parents about the program by contacting the nearby schools and expect participation to grow each week. They receive a large amount of food from Feed the Children, which enables them to help entire households through sending food home or inviting relatives to come eat with the kids as well.

"There are always those kids where you don't know their family situation, if they have food in their home so at least that way we can send food home with them," Head Start Center Supervisor, Aubrey Blackwolf said. "Parents are welcome to come and eat with the children too, it says 18 and under but we can't turn anyone away."

The program has been successful so far, with entire families filling tables at the feeding centers, eating and talking about vacation plans for the summer.

"Oh, it's a good idea. It's a really good idea," Carrie Blackwolf said while her two grandchildren Lyric and Caleb munched on apples next to her.

Summer time affects more than just kids' access to meals though. Reading retention rates can often drop in the interval between grades so in addition to a healthy lunch, students who come to take advantage of the meal will also have the chance to read books donated by Feed the Children. Other provisions to keep kids fed and prepared for the next school year will be available as well, for instance backpacks full of school supplies will be handed out at the end of summer.

"We're going to try to give them that, just to help get them on a head start," McKnight said.

For more information, call (405) 422-7873 or (405) 422-7877.

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New book release, Mochi's War, follows Cheyenne woman's journey after Sand Creek Massacre

(EADS, COLO.) A new book is set for release on June 16, 2015 entitled, Mochi's War: The Tragedy of Sand Creek, by Chris Enss and Howard Kazanjian

According to the Library Journal's review, which reads in part, "The authors have again collaborated to write Western history in an accurate yet accessible manner for mainstream readers. This biographical account provides a counterpoint to the many works that have mythologized such women as Pocahontas and Sacajawea.

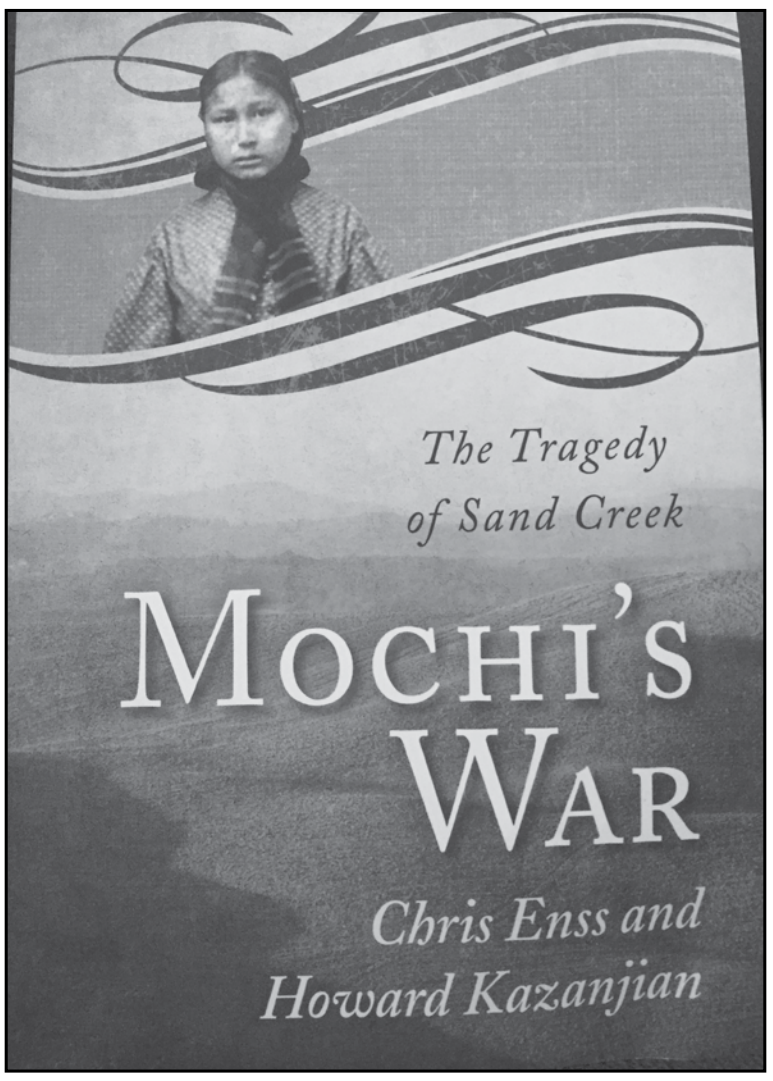
One passage from within the book reads, "After the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864, one woman survived physically unharmed, but emotionally devastated by the destruction of her tribe and determined to avenge her dead relatives. Her story has rarely been told, and Mochi's War is the first book to tell it in full."

On Nov. 28, 1864 Col John Chivington and his militia attacked a peaceful village of Cheyenne and Arapaho in southeastern Colorado. Between 150 and 200 Cheyenne and Arapaho were killed that day, nearly all elderly men, women and children.

The events at Sand Creek motivated Mochi to embark a decade long reign of terror. With each raid she remembered the horror of the massacre and it goaded her on to terrible violence against those encroaching on Indian soil.

The war between the Indians and the government lasted ten years after the Sand Creek Massacre occurred. Mochi's war ended with her arrest and imprisonment in 1874, the only woman ever to be incarcerated by the United States as a prisoner of war.

Mochi's War: The Tragedy of Sand Creek explores the story and its repercussions into the last part of the 19th century from the perspective of a Cheyenne woman who determination swept her into some of the most dramatic and heartbreaking moments in the conflicts that grew through the west in the aftermath of Sand Creek.



A portion of the book's proceeds will go to the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

The actual book launching was held Sunday, June 14 at the Plains Theatre in Eads, Colo.

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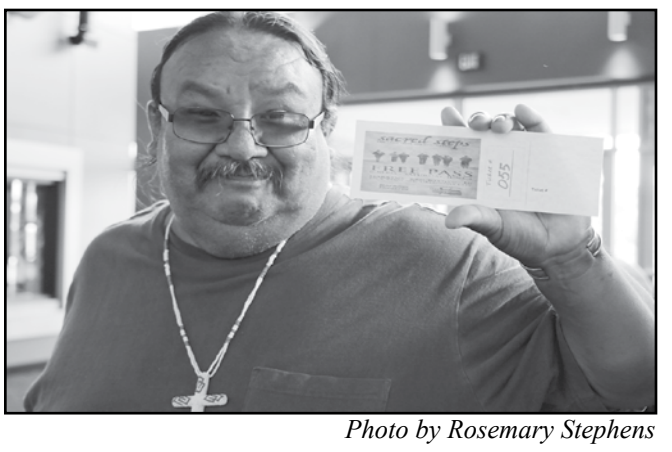

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Darren Miles holds up his Sand documentary admission ticket for the premiere of Sacred Steps at the Harkins Theatre in Oklahoma City.

to make a one hour piece, and there was a lot of good stuff that wasn't used. But we had to make some cuts and do some things, trim out some things. It took Darren a couple of months to edit this thing and the end result is just awesome."

The film gives the viewer an inside look at the actual Healing Run, following along with the Cheyenne and Arapaho youth who participated, interviews from descendants of the massacre, who give details of events that occurred during that tragic day, as handed down from their family members, as well as the historical apology given to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper during the closing ceremonies on the Colorado State Capitol.

"When you are out there at the site those emotions are real and I know when we walked down to the site to the creek bed to do some interviews, I felt those emotions … they are extremely real," Brown said. "What I tried to do with this documentary is to give you a taste of what it was like. Many of you here tonight were there for maybe one of the first half of the journey in Eads or the second half of the journey at the capitol in Denver, and I know a lot of you didn't get to see the runners and their journey. Tonight you will."

Sacred Steps will begin airing on CATV47 in July. It will also be aired on their affiliate station FNX, with talks being in the works for airing on OETA.

Future showings of the documentary are being planned for several communities in the upcoming months, and copies of the one-hour documentary are available through CATV television.

For a copy of the DVD, please call (405) 422-7924.

What's lurking behind the suicides

By Joe Flood

(PINE RIDGE, S.D.) Outside the Oglala Lakota tribe's child protection service office, staff members updated a police officer on the latest emergency, an 11-year old girl had texted her cousin that she wanted to kill herself and then had gone missing.

A damp breeze swirled smoke from the caseworkers' cigarettes, and the sun flitted between mottled clouds, the advance guard of an approaching spring blizzard. The officer jotted down some specifics on the girl and the remote area where she was last seen, then pulled away from the curb. They didn't want to lose another child.

Since December, nine people between the ages of 12 and 24 have committed suicide on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, home to Crazy Horse's Oglala band of the Lakota, in southwestern South Dakota.

They come to Pine Ridge every few years, these suicide epidemics, with varying degrees of national media attention and local soul-searching. What the news media often misses though, and what tribal members understand but rarely discuss above a whisper, is that youth suicides here are inextricably linked to a multigenerational scourge of sexual abuse, with investigations into possible abuse now open in at least two of the nine recent suicides.

"I'm a wasicu (Lakota for "white person") from Massachusetts, but I've spent about half of the past decade living on the rez, working mostly as a teacher and archery coach. Within two weeks of starting my first job teaching high school English here, a veteran teacher told me something he thought was critical to understanding life on Pine Ridge, by the time they reach high school, most of the girls (and many boys, too) have been molested or raped," Joe Flood said.

His anecdotal observation seems to track with the available statistics. According to the United States Department of Justice, Native Americans are 2.5 times more likely to be sexually assaulted than other Americans, and the numbers on Pine Ridge, one of the largest, poorest reservations in the country, appear to be even greater.

"We started two clinics for reproductive health in the largest high schools on the reservation," said Terry Friend, a midwife who works at the year-and-a-half-old Four Directions Clinic, which specializes in sexual assault and domestic abuse. "When I take a sexual history of a patient, I ask, 'Have you had sex against your will?' At the high schools, girls answered yes more than no."

Numbers are harder to come by for boys, but local medical professionals estimate that they are also high, and that such rates of abuse can translate to high rates of suicide. One recent study found that nationally, teenage boys who were sexually assaulted were about 10 times more likely to attempt suicide, girls more than three times more likely.

At some point, most local child sexual assault cases cross the tribal prosecutor's desk.

"Unfortunately, many of those same kids have suicidal ideations and attempts," said the tribe's attorney general, Tatewin Means. "I definitely think there's a strong connection between sexual assault and suicide here on the reservation."

One such story is of a boy who loved the sweat lodge. He was a troubled student but took solace in the traditional Lakota form of prayer, with steam hissing off big glowing rocks in the center of a small lodge made of bent saplings and canvas tarps. School and tribal officials said the boy showed up to school one day last spring when he was supposed to be on suspension, climbed a pine tree in the schoolyard and hanged himself from a thick branch. Teachers and students saw him, and he was quickly cut down. Struggling to breathe, he sprinted for the school's sweat lodge, where he took refuge until the police and a relative calmed him down.

It wasn't the first time he had attempted suicide in or around school grounds, administrators said. He'd been depressed, and behaving erratically, with signs that he was using drugs and "huffing" gasoline. There had also been signs of sexual abuse, involving not only him but also a younger brother and male cousins he lived with. Every time one of the boys showed new signs of abuse or talked about suicide, school officials said, they called the tribe's child protection unit, and every time they were told the same thing, "It's still under investigation."

The child was not removed from the home. Then in December, two weeks after his 14th birthday, the boy hanged himself at home and became the first in the recent string of nine suicides.

His case was lost, it seems, in the web of tribal bureaucracies and federal oversight bodies that are long on backlogged cases and short on funding. The tribal child protection unit, for instance, currently has two investigators for the entire reservation, which the federal census puts at more than 18,000 total residents (though tribal officials say is closer to 40,000). The two investigators are responsible for handling upward of 40 new cases a month, and hundreds more in the long-term case management system.

About a month after the boy died, a 14-year old cheerleader killed herself. Soon after, rumors of an all-too-familiar detail started to spread. Before her death, the girl told friends that her stepfather, a longtime teacher and coach at her school, was sexually abusing her. What followed broke the usual mold, though, her friends came forward to tell school officials. Charles Roessel, a member of the Navajo Nation and director of the federal Bureau of Indian Education, which oversees the school, said administrators acted quickly to suspend the accused teacher and refer the case to federal investigators. No charges have been brought.

Shortly after his suspension from the federal school, the cheerleader's stepfather was brought on, according to school officials, as an unpaid intern by the reservation's Shannon County school system, which is overseen by the state. His job was to shadow one of the system's principals so that he could learn to be a school administrator. The stepfather did not respond to requests for comment.

Tribal leaders and experts are struggling to understand the recent suicide epidemic (specifics on many of the cases aren't widely known), but there's general agreement on one underlying cause: the legacy of federally funded boarding schools that forcibly removed generations of Native American children from their homes. Former students and scholars of the institutions say that the isolation and lack of oversight at the mostly church-run schools allowed physical and sexual abuse to run rampant.

"My grandmother used to tell me that she didn't think she was pretty," said an E.M.T. friend of mine who responds to a suicide attempt every week or so, "because when the priests used to sneak into her dorm and take a little girl for the night, they never picked her."

Left untreated, such sexual abuse can lead to elevated rates of drug and alcohol abuse and suicide, said Dr. Steven Berkowitz, director of a center on youth trauma at the University of Pennsylvania.

One sad irony of the recent suicides is that they come in the middle of new initiatives to address sexual assault. The Four Directions Clinic is treating young abuse victims who were previously sent to distant hospitals off the reservation. Tribal and federal law enforcement officials now confer regularly to better coordinate investigations. High school students recently petitioned the Pine Ridge school board to create health classes for vulnerable middle school students, and the board unanimously voted to find necessary funding.

Still, the challenges are enormous. Six days after the 11-year-old girl went missing, protection services still hadn't located her, though a caseworker says the hope is that the girl and her mother have gone to a domestic violence shelter somewhere, the reservation doesn't have its own.

Shortly before the 14-year-old boy committed suicide, a school administrator tried to counsel him. Lakota tradition, she told him, teaches that a spirit set free by suicide is doomed to wander the earth in lonely darkness. "You don't want that, do you?" she asked. He looked her in the eye, a minor taboo for Lakota children to do with their elders, and said, "Anything's better than here."

Student brings college racism issues to DC

By Shaida Tabrizi Reporter/Ad Sales

Courtesy photo

C&A tribal members and activists Breanna Faris and Suzan Shown Harjo spoke at NCORE, hoping to inspire others to advocate for change.

The infamous Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity video from the University of Oklahoma (OU) has created mountains of media attention, inspiring protests and long talks about the issue of race on the university's campus. Yet one student wanted to take the conversation beyond the black and white paradigm and include other minorities in the call for change at OU.

Breanna Faris, tribal member and employee of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes, recently traveled to Washington, DC for the 28th annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE). The conference is a program of the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies through OU which offers workshops, discussions and lectures on the common issues facing students on college campuses across the country.

Faris is in the masters program for adult and higher education at OU. She played her part in the conference through a panel discussion with two other OU students belonging to the university's Unheard group, Brittani Jackson and Spencer Davis, and moderated by NCORE Director Dr. Kathleen Wong(Lau). Their discussion provided an insight into the student perspective on the SAE video and the environment on OU's campus after it came into public light, expanding the scope from simply a black and white racial problem to an issue concerning all minorities. They also gave advice to the large audience of university faculty attending the conference when there are problems of discrimination on campus.

"My biggest advice I gave was, yes we're angry when these things happen and we're even more angry when we don't get any consideration in your reaction. Either you don't react or you don't even consider the Native community or people of color in your reactions," Faris said. "When we're angry, you have to remember that we don't want the table, we just want a few seats at the table. We want to be represented. We want to be considered. We don't want to be invisible."

Invisibility is one of the key platforms of the OU Unheard group, an alliance of black students who played a vital role in the SAE video debacle, as they were the ones who brought it into public view. That video, which showed members of the fraternity singing a racist chant, was only one of many discriminatory acts performed by the now disbanded OU chapter of SAE. According to the Center for American Progress Action Fund SAE chapters across the country have faced hot water for similar racist incidents from singing racial slurs to African American students to flying a Confederate Flag in front of their house.

There have been instances of racial discrimination to other minorities on OU's campus as well, like Native American students. In 1994 drunken fraternity members of the Phi Kappa Psi house kicked and beat on a tipi while five American Indian students slept inside, according to *The Tulsa World*. Though a public apology was issued by J.R. Morris, interim president for OU at the time, the fraternity members were only sanctioned privately.

Unheard and students at OU like Faris have worked to make these high profile discriminatory acts more widely known as a way to inspire change. After advising the university faculty present at NCORE, Faris and her co-presenters geared part of their talk to the smaller group of students at the conference, hoping to encourage them to find their voice in the racial dialogue.

"I was always the type who didn't want to bring the mood down, didn't want to talk about myself," Faris said. "But Dr. Wong's class taught me that it's possible to build allies with a community other than yourself. It's just about building those allies and not being scared to speak up for yourself."

Wong(Lau) chose Faris to present due to the example she set in a class focused on intergroup dialogues, widening perceptions through creating a meaningful conversation across a diverse group of people.

"I invited Ms. Faris to be on this panel because I believe strongly that the conversation about race and the impact of the SAE video on University of Oklahoma needs to go beyond the black/white paradigm," Wong(Lau) said in a letter. "Faris has demonstrated a great working knowledge about issues of Native American identities, sovereignty, indigenousness, Native American cultural appropriation and other issues that I believe are important for students, faculty and staff who attend NCORE."

In addition to sharing her own voice at NCORE, Faris went to gain knowledge. The C&A tribes' Department of Education funded Faris's trip so that she could attend and learn from the many workshops. Faris hopes to use the information she gathered in her current work with college students, using the nationwide examples of race relations on campuses to help the students in her own home build support systems and succeed in their goals.

"It's going to be hard, it's going to be tough being away from your family. But at the end of the day you're there to help your community," Faris said. "That's the most important thing to remember when you get down on yourself. You may not make the grade that you wanted, or you might not feel like going to class, remember that you're sacrificing for your community."

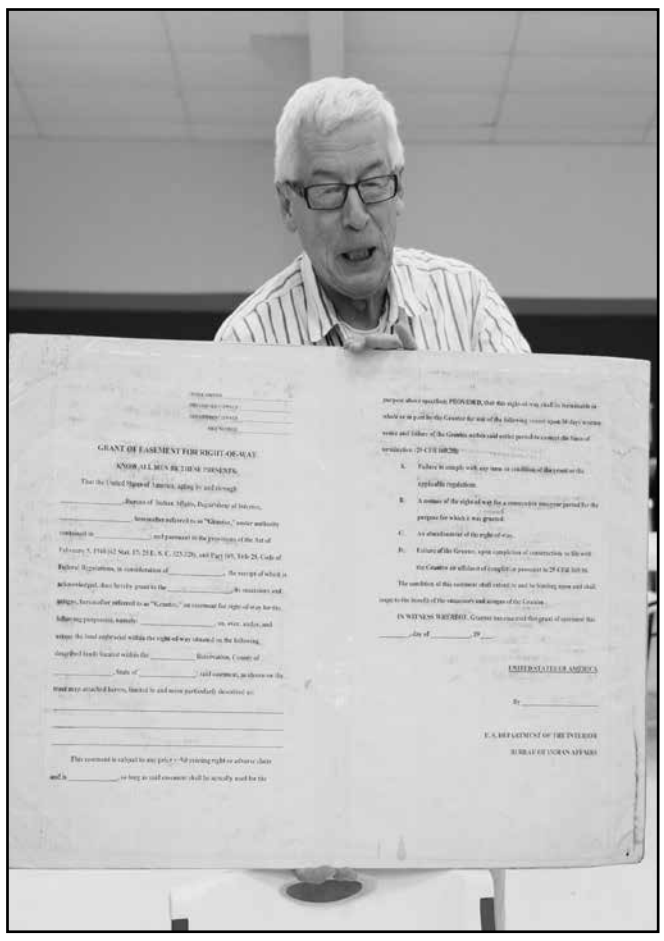

Photo by Shaida Tabrizi

ICC Instructor Terry Beckwith displays the forms used by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, claiming an update is in dire need.

Indian land buyback made simple

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

From the Redwood Forests to the Gulf Stream waters, this land ownership was made confusing.

Two former government agents have taken it upon themselves to travel the entire U.S., rectifying that confusion by teaching all they can reach the basics of Indian land buybacks and ownership.

Their names are Terry and Lela Beckwith, founders of ICC Indian Enterprises which offers training and consulting services to American Indian tribes, as well as the companies and government organizations that support them, like the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Beckwiths call their home New Hampshire, yet after 17 years spent traversing the country teaching workshops, their real home is the road.

"We're continuously on the road all around Indian Country. It's a good life," Terry Beckwith said emphatically.

After taking an early retirement from a U.S. Government land management office, the Beckwiths wanted to do something to help Native Americans understand the complex workings of land management, especially after the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 passed as a result of the *Cobell v. Salazar* class-action trust case settled. As a result of that settlement, $3.4 billion was made available for the government to buy fractionated land from Indian owners and return it to communal tribal ownership.

ICC certifies people in the Indian Lands and related fields through tested classes, certifying participants in Indian Land Associate Levels one and two, and Indian Land Professional tiers. In addition to those classes, ICC offers a free workshop at each stop for anyone with questions about land ownership and allotments.

"Any place we'd go, there were always people asking a lot of questions, so we started this," Lela Beckwith said. "It's been pretty helpful to a lot of them."

The Beckwiths show their passion for helping those in Indian country to the best of their ability by their time and devotion spent to the cause. They've traveled from Alaska to Hawaii, sometimes assisting people with questions late into the night.

The classes and workshop in Concho, Okla. were held on Thursday, May 28 and entitled 'Preparing for Termination and Allotment Issues.' Though light in attendance, tribal members did take advantage of the professional advice offered. Like tribal member Frank Medicinewater, who recently moved to El Reno from Seattle, Wash.

"I worry about loss of property and how to make sure it's safe in the future," Medicinewater said, ready to learn about keeping land whole instead of parceled.

For more information on the land buyback program, contact Caressa James at (405) 422-7427.

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Elder Care for Native American and Alaska Native Communities and Organizations

June 23-24, 2015 at the Platinum Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The second annual National Native American Leadership Forum

July 9-10, 2015 at the Hilton Waikiki Beach in Waikiki, Hawaii. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 2015 National Native Media Conference

July 9-12, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA. For more information or to register visit www.naja.com.

The 2015 National UNITY Conference

July 10-15, 2015 at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register visit www.unityinc.org.

The Tribal Workplace in the Digital World

July14-15, 2015 at the Vocational Training and Resource Center, 3239 Hospital Drive in Juneau, Alaska. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Indian Country Human Resources Management Summit

July 21-23, 2015 at the Tropicana Hampton Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 44th annual Association of American Indian Physicians Meeting & National Health Conference

July 27-Aug. 2, 2015 at the Tulalip Resort Casino in Tulalip, Wash. For more information visit www.aaip.org.

Home Buyer Counseling Under NAHASDA

July 29-30, 2015 at the Tropicana Hampton Inn in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 36th annual National Indian and Native American Employment Training

Aug. 16-21, 2015 at the Choctaw Conference Center in Durant, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.ninaetc.net.

Second annual National Native American Leadership Forum

Aug. 17-18, 2015 at the Morgan Stanley Corporate Office and Headquarters in New York City. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Native American Marijuana & Hemp Conference and Expo

Sept. 9-10, 2015 at the Harrah's Resort in Southern California.

Come hear prominent experts in the industry discuss recent legal, economic, social, and policy changes allowing Native America to enter into the marijuana market. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

Per Capita Office Public Notices

Attention Tribal Members:

If your name is listed below, the Per Capita Office has your 2014 August Gaming Per Cap check. We need you to complete a current Change of Address form and W9 at the Department of Enrollment so your 2014 August check can be sent to the appropriate address. **If you fail to do this by August 15, 2015**, you will not be able to claim the 2014 August Gaming check.

For any additional assistance, please contact the Per Capita Office at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27725 or (800) 247-4612 ext. 27725. For questions regarding Change of Address forms contact the Department of Enrollment at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27600 or (800) 247-4612 ext. 27600.

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Baby Girl Orange
Benjamin Franklin Buffalo Jr
Berta Ann Williams
Bill Russel Reed
Bobby Ray Wood
Brian Joseph Christy
Brooklyn Flying Out
Brooklyn Holden
Byron Allen Lefthand
Carlos Delano Lefthand
Carmelita Turtle
Carrie Tennison
Charlene Marie Mckernan
Charles William Moore
Chelsea Lynn Nuckolls
Christian Cheyenne Black
Christian Jan Starr
Christopher Anthony Burnham
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Colby Walker Auld
Corbin Eugene Gibbs
Cory David Briggs
Dakota Paul Fast Horse
Daniel John Blackowl
Darla Lea Anne Doyel
Darrell Eugene Hanson
David Alan Barnes
Dennis Gene Douglas
Denzel Sugar Ray Chism
Dustin Daukei Cole
Dylan Alexander Fast Horse
Elana Joyce Key
Emma Rose Red Hat
Eric Daniels Minnis
Erica Nicol Standing Water
Eugene Chips
Evadonna Sierra Robles
Florence Pauline Williams
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Franklin Delano Lefthand
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Jeffrey Yellow Eyes
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Joannie Sue Riddle
John Michael Crockett
Jon Harjo II
Jordan Cody Washee
Joseph Neil McDaniel
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Julia Hare
Karin Lee Hawk
Katelyn Marie Dean
Kathleen McPherson
Kavika K Kaaloa
Kayla Marie Standing Water
Kent Douglas Flowers
Kevin Francis Williams
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Lindsey Nathaniel Rae Coyote
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Martha Gayle Tenorio
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Marty Joe Lawless
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Maya Elizabeth Decker
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Michael J Bunyard
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Michael Ray Cox
Misty Dawn Gray
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Nahum Shawn Orange
Nathan Scott Billings
Nelson Ross Curtis
Pamela Joyce Balderas
Paul Elliott Flores
Paul Matthew Friday
Paul Richard Gilbert
Ralph Fletcher
Regina Marie Curtis
Richard Vaughn Pewo
Ruth Ann Sioux
Samuel Ray Everett
Samuel Wolf Chief
Sandy Hawk
Saphire Noel Hughes
Sasha Flores
Seanna Sue Longoria
Serene Renee Hoof
Shawn Felicia Risingbear
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Shelby Lynn Hawk
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Deadline for Change of Address and W9 forms is July 24, 2015

Change of Address and W9 Process:

Please submit all Change of Address and W9 forms to Enrollment Department by above date. Forms can be downloaded online at www.c-a-tribes.org (click Programs, then "Enrollment") or by calling Enrollment (405) 422-7600 and/or Per Cap (405) 422-7725.

Change of Address form will need to be notarized before submission. Enrollment Department will forward all updated forms to the Per Capita Office.

Please keep in mind that the mailing address on Change of Address form and W9 form will need to match. Per Capita Office will mail check or any letters concerning your account to mailing address on Change of Address and W9. Once paperwork is processed, Per Cap Office will review accounts to determine if any past due checks are available for reissue.

All 2015 Gaming and Revenue payments will be released on August 15, 2015 by mail and amount will be posted when available. Tribal Members who are turning 18 years of age by July 31, 2015 will be eligible for 2015 Gaming and Revenue payment and should have Change of Address, W9, and Social Security card turned into Enrollment Department. If you have any Child Support, Student Loans or Federal Garnishments that need to be addressed, or questions, please contact the Per Capita Office at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27725 or (405) 422-7725. All garnishments of Child Support, Student Loans, and/or Federal Garnishments need to be submitted to the Per Capita Office by July 24, 2015.

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Student wins fight over wearing eagle feather at graduation

By Joseph Serna, LA Times

A Native American student declared victory in a face-off with Clovis High School in Clovis, Calif., after district officials initially barred him from wearing a ceremonial eagle's feather on his cap during graduation.

Christian Titman, 18, a member of the Pit River Tribe, had asked the Clovis Unified School District in April if he could wear an eagle feather that his father had given him; the feather is about three to four inches long.

The central California district said no, citing its dress code. Items such as rosaries are prohibited too, the district said in a letter.

"It's really simple. They're telling me, 'Don't be proud you're Indian. Don't be proud of your heritage. Don't be proud of your accomplishment," Titman told the *Los Angeles Times*, just hours before an agreement was reached.

With the backing of the American Civil Liberties Union in Northern California, Titman sought a temporary restraining order that would bar Clovis Unified's dress code from being enforced at graduation.

But before the judge could rule, the district and Titman reached an agreement. He may wear the feather in his hair during the ceremony; when it is time to move the cap's tassel to the other side, Titman may attach the feather to his cap.

"It has been our goal from the beginning to find a mutually agreeable solution that honors and respects the culture of our Native American students while affirming the long-standing traditions and standards honoring every one of our graduating seniors," District Superintendent Janet Young said in a statement. "We look forward to doing both at this year's graduation ceremony."

The eagle is considered sacred because it is seen as being able to fly up to the creators, Titman explained. His father had given him the feather because it honored an important transition in his life.

The 18-year-old struggled in his first years in high school and was on a path to fall short of the credits needed to graduate, he said. He met with his guidance counselor regularly and took a class to make up credits. Titman enrolled in a Regional Occupational Program class for carpentry and has an apprenticeship lined up for after he graduates, he said.

"I climbed that ladder so I could graduate," he said. "I want to wear this because I accomplished a great thing."

The General Management Plan for Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site has been prepared for public review

(EADS,COLO.) The National Park Service (NPS) is in the final stages of developing a long-term management plan for Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. The draft general management plan and environmental assessment will be available for public review this month. On June 16, NPS staff will hold a public meeting on these documents at the Crow-Luther Cultural Events Center in Eads.

"We are at the end of a very important planning effort for the national historic site," said Superintendent Alexa Roberts. "The general management plan will guide the overall management site for the next 20 years. We are delighted to share this vision for the park's future with the people of Kiowa County, for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, and the American public. Sand Creek was a pivotal moment in the history of the United States and the American West. This plan will help us continue to protect the massacre site and bring this important story to our visitors. We look forward to hearing from neighbors and Kiowa County residents, who have been so instrumental in the park's development over the last decade."

The plan was developed by the NPS over 10 years in partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, the State of Colorado, and officials of Kiowa County. The plan identifies a long-term management strategy, the types of facilities to be developed for the site and ways that visitors can access the site. Superintendent Roberts observed that, "The plan will enable us to move forward with important improvements and educational and interpretive programs to help our visitors better understand and appreciate the significance of the Sand Creek Massacre and the events that followed. Sand Creek is an important window into our history and we want visitors to experience that as fully as possible."

A 45-day public review period for the plan will end on July 29. For more information on the general management plan or the site, please contact Superintendent Roberts at Alexa_Roberts@nps.gov, or planning project manager Tom Thomas at Tom_Thomas@nps.gov.

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribe select princesses and directors for 2015 American Indian Expo

(CONCHO, OK) The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes announced the selection of its princesses and directors for the upcoming American Indian Expo in Anadarko Aug. 5-8, 2015 at the Caddo County Fairgrounds.

"The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Princesses have a long history of participating in the American Indian Exposition," said Eddie Hamilton, Governor of the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes. "We have been blessed by being represented by many outstanding young ladies over the years and I'm proud to see the tradition continue. We are extremely pleased with the new directors representing our Cheyenne and Arapaho people as well. They have shown great leadership and demonstrated what it is to be proud of our heritage."

Evana Charlene Wilson has been named the Cheyenne Princess. She is the daughter of Sunni and Jeff Wilson, granddaughter of Robert and Yvonne Wilson, and great granddaughter of the late Ruth Goodblanket.

The Arapaho Princess is Emma Washee, daughter of Gary Hundelt and Deanie Washee and Jason and Tammie Goodblanket. She is the granddaughter of Rayburne and Gloria Washee.

The formal coronation will take place July 19 at Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

The newly named directors for the expo are Dara Franklin, Arapaho Director and Karen Yeahquo, Cheyenne Director.

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes select (l-r) 2015 American Indian Expo Cheyenne Princess, Evana Wilson and the 2015 American Indian Expo Arapaho Princess, Emma Washee.

"It's an honor to be asked to represent our tribe at the American Indian Exposition," said Dara Franklin, Arapaho director. "As a former Arapaho director and princess, I was happy to help select the young ladies who will represent us. These young ladies were selected and recognized for their leadership, beauty, grace and how they represent our Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal communities."

Franklin and Yeahquo were selected and appointed by the tribe to serve for 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The American Indian Exposition is an annual event held the first full week of August and showcases the arts, crafts and traditions of 14 plains Indian tribes. It also includes dance contests, parades, pageants and sporting events.

The expo is sponsored by several tribes including the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes.

For more information on the American Indian Exposition, visit www.facebook.com/pages/American-Indian-Exposition-2015.

Summer Leitka, Seminole, named to 2015 NAIA All-American first team and National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region team

(CHICKASHA, OK) With the Drovers making it to their first NAIA National Championship tournament in more than a decade, three players were named to the 2015 National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region team.

Star pitcher Summer Leitka (Seminole Nation of Oklahoma) was named First Team Pitcher while outfielder Kaylin Taylor was named First Team Alternate.

Senior catcher Kayla Adams was named to the Second Team to round out the players recognized by the organization.

"I'm so proud of my NFCAA All-Region players they work hard for this accolade," Drover Head Coach Jadyn Wallis said. "As a coach, I take so much pride in the way the represent USAO softball."

Leitka was the ace on the pitching staff for USAO and broke several school records, including season strikeouts with 321 and 31 wins in her first season as a Drover also a record.

She was named Sooner Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week six times and the NAIA Pitcher of the Week once, while being named the SAC Pitcher of the Year and All-Conference First Team.

Summer was also named to the 2015 NAIA Softball All-America First Team. Summer is the only Dover to be named an All-American.

Adding to her list of accomplishments, Leitka secured her second All-American award, this time she was named to the Second Team At-Large from the National Fastpich Coaches Association.

Leitka was one of 32 athletes honored by the NFCA and was selected as an All-American First Team by the NAIA.

USAO finished the season with a 43-9 record and its first Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament title while finishing No. 13 in the final NAIA Top 25 Coaches Poll.

Leitka is an American Indian studies sophomore from Norman and the daughter of Sonny and Kathy Leitka.

Celebrating Native art at Red Earth

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter/Ad Sales

Oklahoma's Red Earth Festival showcases the artistic brilliance of its Native people.

For 29 years, the art, the dance, the craft, have all collected together at this international celebration of heritage and culture.

The event kicked off this year with a pre-festival reception at the Red Earth Museum in Oklahoma City. Each year the organizers give three awards, Ambassador of the Year, Honored One and the Spirit Award. Beginning a new tradition on June 4, the award recipients met at the museum along with friends and family for an intimate reception to award their achievements.

Award winners were C. Blue Clark for Ambassador of the Year, Merlin Little Thunder for Honored One and Rhonda Durant for the Spirit Award. In addition to the small reception, the winners were honored during the Red Earth parade and festival.

Despite his fame as a renowned artist, Little Thunder remained humble about being chosen as the festival's Honored One which is essentially a lifetime achievement award for a career in the arts.

"I didn't expect it. You know, you work really hard and you don't pay attention to nothing around you when you're working hard and traveling around," Little Thunder said. "Then suddenly something like this happens, I'm just taken aback by it. It's really exciting."

The Red Earth Museum has two full-time employees only, but a large number of people around the state volunteer to help with the exhibits and the festival, which is the organizations biggest project. The Spirit Award goes to an outstanding volunteer, and this year Durant was shocked to find herself winning. Describing herself as hooked from the very beginning, she has worked with the festival and museum for 28 years and found it difficult to sit back at the reception and let people take care of her for once.

"Our volunteers, they do this because they love it," Durant said, tearing up slightly. "I'm very, very honored. I still blush."

Oklahoma City University Law Professor C. Blue Clark received the Ambassador of the Year award as an expression of gratitude for his positive promotion of Native American art. Clark has also been featured on interviews nationwide describing the significance of Indian relocation to Oklahoma's history.

Guests took their time enjoying the art displayed at the Red Earth museum, as well as picking the brain of each artist present about their artistic processes. That was in keeping with the organization's mission to highlight Oklahoma artists, according to Eric Oesch, Red Earth's director of communications, who raved about the state's many artists at length.

"Oklahoma artists are some of the most genuine people. I think their talent is underrated because they are amazing artists and I think the folks out west might get a little more notoriety but our Oklahoma artists are the best there are," Oesch said. "Red Earth showcases what makes Oklahoma unique. And what makes it unique is our tribal culture and heritage."

For more information on the Red Earth Museum, call (405) 427-5228.

Photos by Shaida Tabrizi

Red Earth's honored ones of 2015: a renowned artist, a dedicated volunteer and a wise professor celebrate their awards together at the Museum. (From l-r) Merlin Little Thunder, Rhonda Durant and C. Blue Clark.

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Creek by Cheyenne and Arapaho Artists. That exhibit featured their work as well as the contributions from three other tribal members descended from victims of the massacre, Little Thunder, B.J. Stepp and Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes Director of Economic Development Nathan Hart. Levi and Learned have traveled with the exhibit to Denver to give talks as well as contributing to documentaries about the Sand Creek Massacre.

"That's the first time that anyone can recollect where tribal members have gotten together to depict a massacre and telling their side of the story about that massacre," Learned said. "That's who we are. It's a butterfly effect. You have to know where you came from in life to know where to go in life and you have to understand those things to know who you are."

Levi adamantly declared the importance of centering their art on the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

"We can tell our story and inform people about the origins of ledger art, inform them about our people," Levi said. "Our art is just about us. So, we're telling our own story our own way, and we don't need to borrow anything. We're just keeping it real Cheyenne and Arapaho."

Photos by Shaida Tabrizi

Student athletes receive recognition

First Sports Banquet hosted by the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program reaches a milestone as they host the first varsity student athlete banquet May 28 in Clinton, Okla.

High school varsity athletes and two college athletes were honored for their athletic accomplishments, as well as their academic accomplishments. Each athlete was presented with an engraved plaque displaying the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. logo encased by a golden laurel, and the athlete's name, school and respective sport for 2014-2015.

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"Having a sports banquet was in our original vision for the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program, and I don't know why it took so long to reach that vision, but we are here today to recognize all of our athletes for the previous school year," R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program Director, Reggie Island said. "This will mark the first banquet and we will be hosting a sports banquet yearly to give our varsity student athletes the recognition they have earned."

Athletes who achieved All State titles in their respective sports were also presented with a Pendleton blanket. They included Maxine Watan, Lookeba-Sickles High School softball, Nick Smith, Kingfisher High School football, Danny Charley, Kingston High School football (who recently signed a commitment to play for Bacone College), Braden Kester, Thomas High School football and Baylen Bullcoming, Lookeba-Sickles High School basketball.

Also being presented with Pendleton blankets were four year college athletes, Adam Youngbear, Southern Nazarene University Track & Field, and Justina PrairieChief, University of Central Missouri Basketball.

Guest speaker and master of ceremonies, Chance Rush kept the audience entertained with his funny anecdotes of growing up as an Indian boy within the "alternative" school system and his love of running and basketball.

"I tell you these stories to you young athletes because whatever you want to become you got to make it happen. You have to be that person who wants to take yourself to the next level and make it happen for yourself," Rush said.

He acknowledged, "some amazing athletes here this evening," but told them their journey didn't stop now.

"The journey continues to go on and it may not be in the direction that you want it to be. I wanted to go to the Olympics in 2000, but the Creator had different plans for me and whatever plan He has for you, it's always important to implement your spirituality into your development as a young person," Rush said.

After the presentation of all the plaques and recognition of All State athletes, as well as college athletes, a male and female athlete of the year was announced.

Nick Smith, running back for Kingfisher High School was named male athlete of the year. Smith will be a senior in the coming school year, 2015-2016.

Female athlete of the year was Cara RomanNose, a senior and graduate of El Reno High School.

RomanNose recently signed a commitment to run Track & Field for Western State Colorado University.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

College athletes, Justina PrairieChief and Adam Youngbear were recognized at the first R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Sports Awards Banquet in Clinton, Okla.

A male and female athlete of the year were named based on their outstanding accomplishments within their respective sport.

Nick Smith,was named Male Athlete of the Year, pictured right.

Female Athlete of the Year was Cara RomanNose (not pictured.)

Business partners, Tony Ramirez and Blake Murrow want to give back to the community they grew up in as part of their growing business in downtown El Reno, Okla.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Local business promotes the arts

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Cosmos Street Supply is the type of business one might find in Laguna Beach, California, not on the main drag of small town El Reno, Okla. But that's exactly where owners, Blake Murrow and Tony Ramirez want to be to give the opportunity for people to get creative.

From graffiti supplies, Bad Astronauts clothing line, live painting, to bikes and skate boarding, Cosmos covers it all.

"We house bike and skateboard equipment, but we are also getting in apparel that you won't normally find. We carry graffiti supplies, which we have found out that it's called aerosol art … that name fits better … and we want to show people there is some serious art that can be created from aerosol," Ramirez said.

He said graffiti art has a bad name, but one just has to look at the walls as they enter Cosmos to see that aerosol art can be taken to a whole different level.

Not only is Cosmos giving a platform to artists to promote their art, but the business encourages youth to get involved with skateboarding and they carry bike equipment for the serious bikers.

"This is where our hearts and minds are. We wake up saying I am doing what I love. Slinging skateboards to kids and slinging bikes to kids; giving the youth something to do because we both grew up here and know what it's like," Ramirez said. "A lot of people want to sit back and just complain about the problem and we just decided we needed to do something about it."

Coming from a screen printing business based out of Murrow's garage a short nine months ago, to a business in downtown El Reno, was an all or nothing venture for the partners.

"The screen printing pays the bills and was the main focus. It helped us to create our own clothing line called Bad Astronauts, but we thought what else can we do and how can we give back to the town. We grew up on skateboards and bikes so we started carrying that stuff to give the kids here something to do," Murrow said. "We are from around here and we know that there is not really a lot for our youth to do. As we looked a little closer we also found there really wasn't any outlet for artists around here so a lot of our focus is being put into artists and giving them a platform to sell some of their work and display their art."

They said finding like-minded individuals who want to make a career out of what they do is who they hope will be attracted to Cosmos.

"It is tough to be an artist especially when you don't have the credentials, like from a big school under your belt," Ramirez said. "People just don't take you serious, even though you are just as talented with or without those credentials … so giving them a house to do their art is important to us. All arts … music, painting, clothing lines, to us it's all art."

Both Murrow and Ramirez agree the main goal is to support every avenue of creativity no matter what it is.

"Our vision is to someday be a distributor for the street culture to punk rockers to hip hop style. Here in Oklahoma we are always three to four years behind the east coast, say New York or the west coast in California. We want to keep up to speed and we want to do this in our hometown. There are big guys on the west coast, there are big guys on the east coast and there really isn't any big guys in the middle … that's where Cosmos comes in. We can be a small drop in the pond or we can be big fish, but either way we want to make it count here because we are from this town and we love this town."

Tony Ramirez and Blake Murrow offer their own clothing line called Bad Astronauts.

Meet Cosmos-Bad Astronaut, boss of Cosmos Street Supply created by owner Tony Ramirez.

Cosmos is located at 211 N. Rock Island. Follow them on facebook.com/cosmostreetsupply, facebook.com/badastronauts or email them at cosmos.street.supply@gmail.com or badastronautsllc@gmail.com.

Powwows & Events Calendar

Overnight Father's Day Men's Retreat

June 19-20, 2015 at the Camp Y'Shua, Wichita Mountains in Lawton, Okla. Camp speaker will be Dr. Walter Wilson of Lawton. Sessions for 'Dealing with Men Problems' will be lead by Curtis Wilson of Muskogee. Worship music will be lead by Lee Juarez of Lawton. The cost is $30 for overnight, and $10 for Saturday morning only. The cost covers lodging and meals. For more information contact Eddie Lindsey at (405) 203-5462, or Willie Doyeto at (580) 483-7733.

Murrow's Indian Children's Home fourth annual Benefit Powwow

Saturday, 2 p.m., June 20, 2015 at the Bacone College Student Life Center, 2412 E. Shawnee Bypass in Muskogee, Okla. Contests include men's combined, women's combined at tiny tot. All contestants must be in Grand Entry at 7 p.m.

The mission of the Murrow Indian Children's Home is to provide a safe, nurturing environment, spiritual foundation, and cultural experience to Native American children in crisis.

For more information call Betty Martin at (918) 682-2586 or by email, urrowhomedirector@gmail.com. Visit their Website at www.murrowchildrenshome.org.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T.'s Sports & Fitness Camp

June 22-25, 2015 at the RomanNose State Park in Watonga, Okla. Grades 5-8. Applications due by June 12. Taking the first 50 girls and the first 50 boys. Items to bring: bedding, toiletries, clothing, swimsuits, athletic shoes, sunblock. NO ELECTRONICS. For more information call toll free (800) 247-4612, ext. 27570 or 27585.

Jodi Marquette American Indian Wills Clinic

9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friday, June 23 and Friday, June 30, 2015 at the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Native American Church building in Concho, Okla. Please call (405) 208-5017 to make an appointment. Wills and other estate planning documents will be drafted by appointment only.

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic's Walk for Wellness

Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the Remington Park Racing Casino in Oklahoma City. Preregister by June 5 to guarantee your free t-shirt. Heath fair starts at 8 a.m., walk starts at 9 a.m. For more information or to register call (405) 948-4900, ext. 618 or visit www.okcic.com.

Third Birthday Dance for Selesa Lourdes Shortman and Coming Out Dance for Jose Gonzales-Garcia

Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m.

Pretty Shawl contest in memory of Violet Rose (Tallbear) Scraper. Tiny Tot contest, scavenger hunt, cake walk and raffles.

Selesa is the daughter of Vaness Shortman and Israel Rodriquez-Gomez. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Kauley from Hammon, Okla., and the late Frank Shortman of Watonga, Okla., the great-granddaughter of the late Clara Whitehat Morrison of Watonga, Okla., and the great-great granddaughter of the late Bertha Redmon and Frank Woods Whitehat.

Jose is the son of Jose and Lucy Florence (Scraper) Gonzalez-Garcia of Clinton, Okla. He has one sister, Geneva Rose, 2 years old.

Jose is the grandson of Richard Scraper Sr., and the late Violet Rose "Sissy" Tallbear-Scraper of Watonga, Okla., Ramona Gonzalez-Garcia and the late Jesus Gonzalez-Garcia of Guadalajara, Mexico. He is the great-grandson of the late Moses Tallbear Sr., from Hammon, Okla., the late Blossom Goodbear, Tallbear, Youngbear of Watonga, Okla., and the late Jesse and Polly (Scott) Scraper of Stilwell, Okla. He is the great-great-grandson of the late Rosa (Rosie) touching Ground of Watonga, Okla.

Ernest Big Medicine Memorial

Aug. 15, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. followed by Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Invited Northern Drum, Riverside Drum, Arapaho, WY. Men's Northern Traditional contest, 1st place, $1000, 2nd place $800 and 3rd place $400.

Men's Grass Dance contest, 1st place, $500, 2nd place $300, and 3rd place $200. For more information contact Merle Lopez (405) 262-0002.

Press awards

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various general assignments, higher education, county government, City Hall and federal courts.

As federal courts reporter, DelCour gained national attention for her coverage of the Oklahoma City Bombing case, which she was awarded Newsmaker of the Year from the Association of Women in Communications.

Since her move to the editorial board in 1998, DelCour has championed penal reform, especially the state's high rate of incarcerating women; maintaining an adequate public safety net for the poor; and maintaining an adequate judicial system. She is an expert in criminal justice issues, including death penalty issues. She was part of a team honored by AP/ONE for work leading to a buyout of endangered residents in the Tar Creek superfund site. In 2014, the Tulsa YWCA named DelCour one of 100 Women with Moxie. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in 2015.

In addition to the 10 Sequoyah Award winners, 120 first place plaques were presented during the awards banquet. Newspapers receiving second, third or fourth place in the contest received engraved certificates.

Among the second place winners was the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune, in news writing. Among the 120 first place plaques were Osage News and Cherokee Phoenix. Congratulations to all the newspaper award winners.

A complete list of winners in the 2014 OPA Better Newspaper Contest is available on the OPA website at okpress.com/2014-better-newspaper-contest-results.

Summer Jello Cake

1 pkg. white cake mix
1 cup boiling water
1 pkg. (3 oz) strawberry jello mix
1/2 cup cold water
1 tub (8 oz). Cool Whip

Prepare cake batter and bake as directed on package for 13x9-inch pan. Cool cake in pan 15 min. Pierce cake with large fork at 1/2-inch intervals.

Add boiling water to gelatin mix in small bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water; pour over cake. Refrigerate 3 hours.

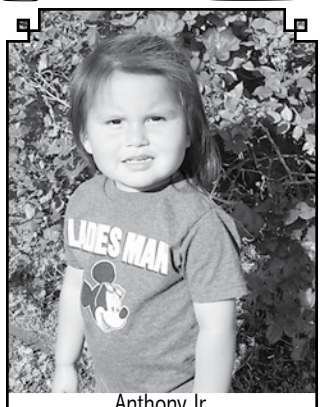
Frost cake with Cool Whip. Refrigerate 1 hour.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday!

Alanah Grace 6/26/2004 Catrina Jayelle 6/15/2008

We all are very proud of all your accomplishments you have done throughout the years! And just wanna wish the both of you a very happy birthday and pray for many more years to come! All our love,
Grandpa, Grandma, Mom & Uncle Matt



Anthony Jr.
Happy 2nd Birthday, June 27
Hope you have a crazy fun-filled day. Love your mom, dad, brothers, & sisters.

Happy 4th birthday to my son, Nevin Vaughn! July 15. You're such a blessing! Momma loves you with all my heart! May God bless you with many more to come! Love, momma Nova!

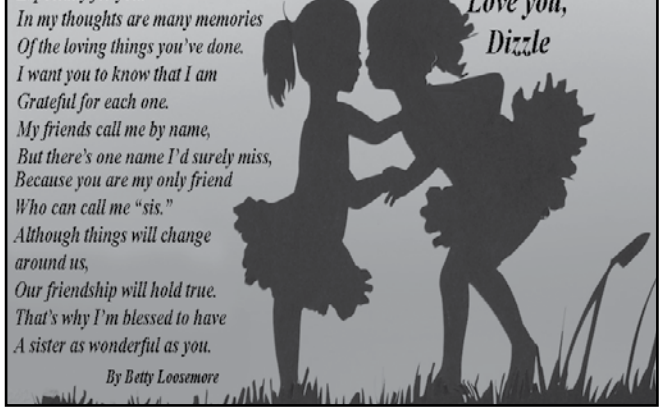
Happy 3rd Birthday to our 1st grandchild, Selene JoBeth.
You are so precious, just like your sister. You are our little frybread maker!
Love, mamaw, papa, mommy & all your aunties & uncles!

Happy 2nd Birthday to our Baby Girl, Sophia Ambre Reynolds
June 27
We wish you to love life and never stop dreaming! May beauty and happiness surround you today and always!
Love, Mommy, Daddy, & Sissys
We love you so much!

Happy Birthday Sierra Cheyenne Shadaram

We all love you very much & appreciate everything you do for us. May God bless you in everything you do, bless everyone you love and care about, and all your future endeavors. May you have many, more happy birthdays to come. Love, Kendricks, Kk, D'angelo, Moze, Mina, Sienna, & the rest of our bunch.I love you. "Know dat!" (In Lennox voice)

July 20th
Happy 3rd Birthday to my Baby Girl, Aubriana Faith!
Momma loves u so much! May God bless u with many more to come!
Love, momma Nova



My Sister, My Friend
You're so much more than just my sister,
You are my good friend, too.
There is a place in my heart
Especially for you.
In my thoughts are many memories
Of the loving things you've done.
I want you to know that I am
Grateful for each one.
My friends call me by name,
But there's one name I'd surely miss,
Because you are my only friend
Who can call me "sis."
Although things will change around us,
Our friendship will hold true.
That's why I'm blessed to have
A sister as wonderful as you.
By Betty Loosemore

Happy Birthday to my sister, Jodi White Buffalo
June 13
Love you,
Dizzle

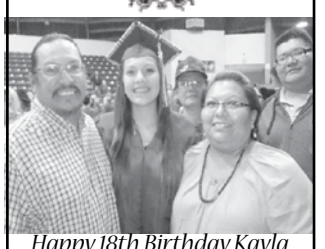
Want to wish my love, Luke Hartfield a Very Happy 33rd Birthday! June 25th
We Love you more than words can explain! I don't know where we would be without you.
Love, Kassidii, Alexa, Haleigh, and your Wife Danielle!

Aziah, Happy 7th Birthday
June 28
Hope your day is just as awesome as you are.
Love your mom, dad, brothers & sisters.

Virginia Reyes
June 29th
Happy Birthday to the Best Mother & Grandmother!
We all love you so much!
Your children Michael S. & Nina W & Grandchildren
Marcus, Marcella, Shy Ann, Silas & Ophelia

Happy Birthday Francine
Hope you have a good day and many more to come. May God bless you.
Love you very much,
mom, Anna, Neosha

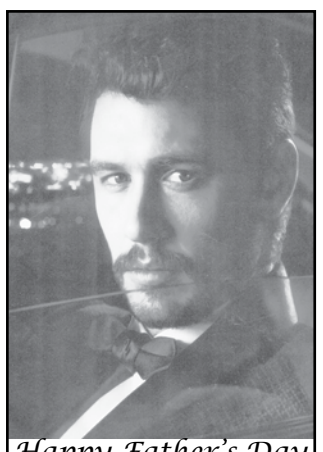
Happy 15th Birthday
Keenan & Kionna Four Horns
Wishing your 15th to be as special as you both are! Love you,
Your family, Mom, Kris, Kiyah, Lastarza, Livia, William, Gma Jbo, The Mortons, Botone's, Browns, Longknife, Reveles, Longs



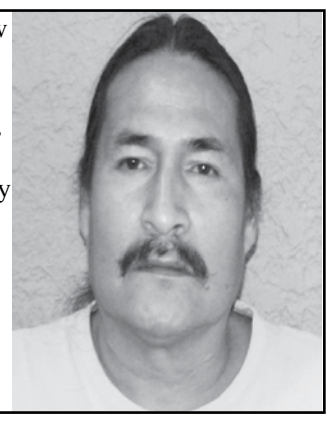
Happy 18th Birthday Kayla Marcille Reynolds
June 26, 2015
You have grown into such a beautiful young lady! Your future looks bright. Look out H.I.N.U.!! Your aunties and uncles wish you nothing but the best! We love you and may Maheo watch over you always!

Haley Meely says
Happy Belated Birthday to Smokey, herself, Bubba and Uncle Milford.
May 13, 29. 30, 31.

Congratulations to the Bride and Groom on their recent marriage.
From the Sheehan, McClure, Guardipee families.
May 23, 2015
Eldred John Grant & Angela Kay Guardipee
A reception is being planned in July 2015

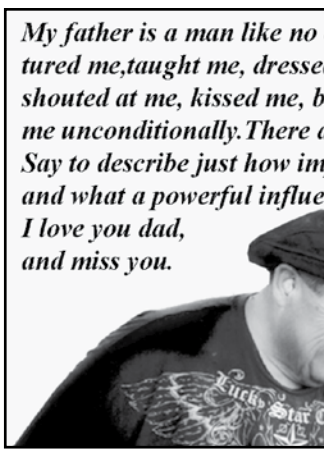


Happy Father's Day
Lionel Tabor
From, Smooth Meely



Happy Birthday James Whitlow
June 14, 2015
Wishing our brother, uncle, grandpa, a Happy Birthday
Love you,
Gene, Beverly, Jessie, Christine, Linwood And Corrine
The Whitows, Mortons, Botones, Browns, Reveles, Longknifes, Longs

Happy Belated Birthday
Jaylin Moriah Reveles, June 7
The Whitows, Mortons', Botones, Browns, Reveles, Longknifes, Longs



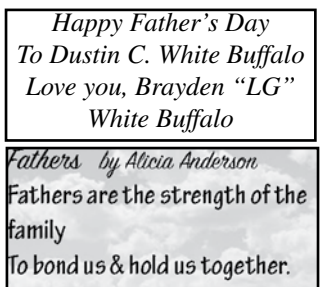
Aziah, Happy 7th Birthday
June 28
Hope your day is just as awesome as you are.
Love your mom, dad, brothers & sisters.

Happy Father's Day Daddy TM Fasthorse. We love you very much! Blaine, Brandy, Baylee, & Tori

Happy 7th Birthday
Dion Kavlity
From your Grandma Janice

Happy 29th birthday cousin
May god continue to bless and protect you!
Love always, Nova

Congrats to one of my beautiful nieces Makayla Anson on graduating Hammon Headstart!
Love, your family!



Fathers by Alicia Anderson
Fathers are the strength of the family
To bond us & hold us together.
Always there to mediate the household,
A determined mentor we look to lead altogether.
He's the bodyguard that protect us,
And gives us comfort from all harm.
He constantly offers compassion
Always offering up his arm.
With years to come, day by day,
We grow from the nest we grew.
In hopes to become something great,
For I hope to someday be like you
A Father's love is never ending,
Always there with a heart pure o gold.
I love you Dad, forever.
I know you'll always be my stronghold.

Happy Father's Day
Jerrie White Buffalo
From, Mom

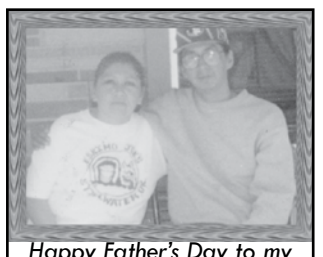
My father is a man like no other. He gave me life, nurtured me, taught me, dressed me, fought for me, held me, shouted at me, kissed me, but most importantly, he loved me unconditionally. There are not enough words I can Say to describe just how important my father was to me, and what a powerful influence he continues to be.
I love you dad,
and miss you.

Happy Father's Day
Margaret Tallbear

Happy Father's Day
To Dustin C. White Buffalo
Love you, Brayden "LG"
White Buffalo

Just thinking of you Tracy!
We are a pack.

Happy Father's Day
To my dad, Anthony "Geep" Meely, to Uncle Robert James Meely, and to Daniel Meely, Eddie Woolworth, Allen Sioux, Ralph Birdshead, Kendrix Sleeper, Roger Allen Todd, Bush Botone and Barry Botone.
From, Smooth Meely



Happy Father's Day to my brother, Milford Fletcher
Always thinking of you.
Miss you, love you! Ter-ray

Happy B-Day to one of my beautiful sisters! Kecia Byrd
June 19th

Happy Birthday Nell Whiteskunk! Trust in the lord with all your heart and he will direct your path! Prov. 3:5-6

Happy 18th Birthday
Tana Heap of Birds,
June 18. Love, your mom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Happy Belated Birthday
Mother
Geraldine Tallbull Morton
June 6, 2015
Mother, not day goes by that we do not think of you
And miss you so dearly,
Your children and grandchildren,
Gene, Beverly, Jessie, Christine, Linwood And Corrine
The Whitows, Mortons, Botones, Browns, Reveles, Longknifes, Longs

Head man dancer Eddie Henry at Red Moon Powwow in Hammon, Okla. Though torrential rain plagued the area the powwow went on at the Hammon Community Center. Photo submitted by Eddie Henry.

Happy Birthday Nick Noggles "It's my birthday! It's my birthday! Happy birthday to me! I'm gonna go all night!

Happy 69th Birthday
Michael Lawrence Black
June 8

Happy Birthday
Terri Jean
June 27

CLASSIFIEDS

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email kwhitehorse@c-a-tribes.org.

Transportation Planner
Tribal Transportation
Closing: June 24

Qualifications:

Position requires self-motivated individual who is able to work independently with little supervision and able to confer with supervisor regarding management of assets and inventory of routes, roads, driveways, bridges, or other transportation infrastructures. Must be able to follow directives, manage time efficiently, and complete necessary paperwork to document various aspects of daily activities. Experience in the field of construction is helpful. May be required to demonstrate skills in basic knowledge of plan reading. Requires an individual willing to demonstrate initiative in assuming responsibilities and work cooperatively with local and state professions in order to obtain supportive documents as related to inventory of tribal routes. Minimum educational requirement is a bachelor's degree in any field. A combination of an associates degree, professional certification of completion, completion of college courses, high school diploma, or GED certification, along with years of experience in planning or management will be considered. Experience in heavy equipment operations, construction activities, and/or asset management requested, but not required. Training in surveying provided. Must be willing to attend various training programs, specifically Road Scholars Program offered through the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) office. Must have current Oklahoma state driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Data Entry/File Clerk
PT-Roads Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Requires responsible individual able to work independently with little supervision and perform duties as assigned. Incumbent should be able to follow directions and communicate effectively both orally and in writing and should become familiar with the proper chain of command. Applicant should possess clerical skills, such as typing and ten-key, and should possess some knowledge in use of Microsoft Excel, Word, and some Access. Applicant may have to demonstrate knowledge in proper use of scanning and copier machines due to capacity and size of documents to be scanned and recorded. Data Entry/File Clerk requires an individual who has knowledge in database and records management. Certification of Completion from an accredited secretarial school and/or clerical course/program or Certification of Completion of Access Software; Minimum education requirements are either a high school diploma or GED certification. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Supervised IIM Worker,
Social Services
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Prefer Bachelors Degree in Social Work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other hours including after 5:00 PM. Must understand and strive to implement the program's goal, objectives, rules, and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and Non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma Drivers License to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native Americans cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs.

SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker, HOPE Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Associate degree or 24 hours of college coursework, bachelor degree preferred. Minimum two years of supervisory experience. Possess valid state driver's license, furnish copy with application. CDL or CDL eligible-class B, if needed. Training and warehouse knowledge; familiar with warehouse and loading and unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations/policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Must be able to demonstrate ability/knowledge of computer (Microsoft Office). Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and non-Indian individuals/households. Ability to prepare and administer federal grants and contracts. Strong organization, writing and communication skills. Tribal preference. Must pass pre-hire drug testing.

SALARY: Negotiable

Security Director
Concho Campus
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Associate's or bachelor's degree in criminal justice, management or business administration (or closely related degree with courses in management) is preferred, but not required. Must be familiar with concepts, practices and procedures of tribal security, with at least five years experience in security and/or law enforcement. Must be able to meet the physical requirements associated with this position. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass pre-hire drug screening. Must possess advanced communication skills, in writing as well as speaking. Must possess strong interpersonal and customer service skills. Must possess strong organizational skills, with the ability to multi-task effectively. Must possess the ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks and responsibilities.

SALARY: Negotiable

Custodian/Maintenance
Education Department
Closing: June 16

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED graduate. Must be able to read, write, follow instructions, and communicate. Must know methods, materials, and equipment used in custodial work. Must have safe work habits. Must be physically fit with ability to lift up to 40 lbs. Must be able to work independently. Must pass drug and alcohol testing. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Property & Supply Director
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Associate or Bachelor-degree in Management or Business Administration (or closely related degree with courses in management) is preferred, but not required. Work experience of at least 5 years in this field, with federal programs preferred. Must be able to meet the physical requirements associated with this position. Must possess valid Oklahoma drivers license--CDL preferred. Must pass pre-hire drug screening. Must possess strong interpersonal and customer service skills. Must possess strong organizational skills. Must possess the ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks and responsibilities.

SALARY: Negotiable

Office Manager
Economic Development
Closing: June 24

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. College degree preferred. Prefer a minimum of two years experience in general offices procedures. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Valid state driver's license required. Must be able to work well with the public and tribal members. Highly organized. Self-starter. Two years office management experience preferred. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Safety Coordinator
Tribal Transportation
Closing: June 24

Qualifications:

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The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal offices will be closed Thursday, June 25, 2015 in observance of federal holiday, Little Big Horn Day. Offices will reopen on Friday, June 26 at 8 a.m.

Dear Editor:

The most honorable and respected status that a Cheyenne & Arapaho tribal member can attain is that of an elder. The term "elder" is a term used to describe an individual who has reached the last phase of the circle of life. We are born, endure childhood and adolescence, scrape by through young adulthood, settle in and ground ourselves in middle age and finally reach those "golden years." The golden years where we are treasured by our family members as reminders of the past, respected in the community as the gatekeepers to the future and the ability to connect closely to the Creator of the Universe because we are one more step closer to being home. We are the descendants of the Sand Creek Massacre, the boarding school movement and the relocation program. We bear the souls of our grandmothers and grandfathers who spoke Cheyenne and Arapaho and who told us to "learn the white man ways… because he is coming and he is coming fast."

We don't ask for much, just that you remember that without us, you would not exist. Without us, there would be no tribe. No language, nor any customs or culture. We bore the blood and sweat of racism, degradation, humiliation and de-humanization. We went to Concho and we went to the public schools, we heard the snickers and the snide remarks because our shoes were too small and our shirts had no buttons. We are the carriers of past songs, stories and lessons in life.

We have been through a lot in this life, some of us veterans, homemakers, educators and tribal employees. Some of us live across the country and some of us in other countries. We look many different ways these days, some of us with dark hair and dark eyes and others with brown hair and blue eyes, and yet…we are still elders of our tribes.

The Native American way is to honor and respect your elders; the ILC is a representation of that commitment. It is designed to give elders and independent, yet supportive living environment. To even consider increasing the housing allowance causes us to question the value and worth of an elder, causing many to go without the necessities of life, i.e., food, clothing, transportation, etc.

Erma Brown
Arapaho elder
Marvin Wilson
Cheyenne elder

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Mold can be a danger to families living in Tribal housing and FY 2015 Indian Community Development Block Grant Mold Remediation and Prevention Grant, FR-5900-N-02, CFDA No.: 14.862, provides an opportunity for federal funds for mold remediation and prevention in and on housing units owned or operated by tribes and tribally designated housing entities or previously assisted with HUD funding.

The tribes would like any comments on this mold funding to be made to the Community Development Program (405) 422-7404 or Housing (580) 331-2400 before June 19, 2015.

In Loving & Fond Memories

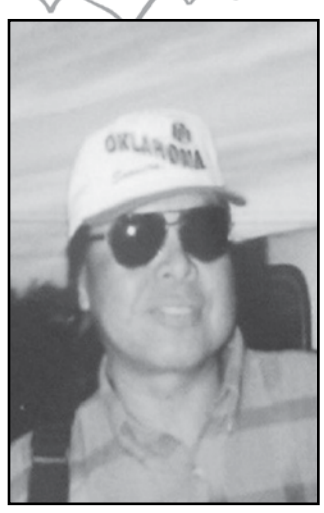
Mary Kaye Archer
Sept. 2, 1956
May 26, 2015

Wake services were held for Mary Kaye Archer on May 28, 2015 at the First Baptist Church in Keota, Okla.

Funeral services were held May 29 also at the First Baptist Church, followed by an Interment at the Old Cache Cemetery in Keota, Okla.

Clarence Leroy Blackowl Jr.
Aug. 28, 1954
June 4, 2015

Wake services held for Clarence Leroy Blackowl Jr., on June 7, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held June 8, also at the Concho Community Center.



Angelo Sleeper
May 7, 1946
June 9, 2015

An all night Wake service was held for Angelo Sleeper on June 12, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held June 13, also at the Concho Community Center, followed by an Interment at the Anadarko City Cemetery.

Thank you

The family of William Blackowl Sr. and Clarence (Junior) Blackowl would like to extend a thank you for prayers, food and support during our loved ones' journeys.

Sincerely,
The entire Blackowl Family

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Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Small town weekend sparks discussions on drag racing event after crash

Story by Ray Dyer, El Reno Tribune
Photo by Glen Miller

El Reno Police Chief Ken Brown said there will be "some serious discussions" in the coming days as to whether super fast vehicles will be allowed to participate in the drag race portion of A Small Town Weekend after a modified Corvette crashed, flipping as it hurtled down Sunset in El Reno, Okla.

The drag races as well as the burnout are put on by the Fraternal Order of Police. Tom Tennery of the El Reno Cruisers, the organization that created the annual event, said the FOP gives the Cruisers some money to help with advertising, but that is the extent of his organization's involvement.

"The Cruisers do the car show and the cruise, the firemen do the Hot Wheel races and the police do the burnout and drag races," Tennery said.

Brown said since the crash occurred during a "permitted event," no police report was made, although an "informational report" will be compiled. Witnesses said the driver walked away from the dramatic crash that was recorded and posted on social media. While the vehicle was destroyed, Brown said the only other damage, that he was aware of, occurred to an OG&E utility pole.

Brown said speculation the wreck could have been staged because a film crew was on the scene is off base.

"No, that car was worth $200,000," Brown said. "There's no way that driver would have done that on purpose."

The Corvette was believed to be part of a reality television show known as Street Outlaws. The show airs on the Discovery Channel. Brown said Kevin Wilkerson, formerly an assistant police chief for El Reno, left the department to work for the television program. Brown said a film crew was in El Reno Saturday for the drag race portion of A Small Town Weekend. He said the Corvette was "the kind of car you would find at Thunder Valley," a drag race operation in Noble.

"Historically, the kinds of cars that have taken part in the drag races for Small Town have been the muscle cars," Brown said. He said the Corvette that crashed was modified to run much faster.

"I can assure we are going to have some conversations on what kinds of vehicles will be allowed into future events," Brown said.

Tennery said he didn't know anything about the accident, but the event overall was well received.

"We had people from Alabama come through that were traveling on 66 and just stumbled upon us," he said. "They had us put them on the mailing list because they said they are coming back next year and bringing cars from Alabama with them."

Tennery said more than 200 cars took part in the car show, well above the normal 125 to 130 that take part. He said the number of cars involved in the Saturday evening cruise may have been down.

"People had a good time," Tennery said.

He said the Cruisers will total up earnings from the weekend and "we'll have plenty of money to give to Mobile Meals and the others," he said, referring to how the Cruisers share proceeds from the event with local nonprofits.

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2015 Graduates

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Arkansas Tech University

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Bachelor of Science
Arkansas Tech University

Stephanie Black
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Oklahoma Christian University

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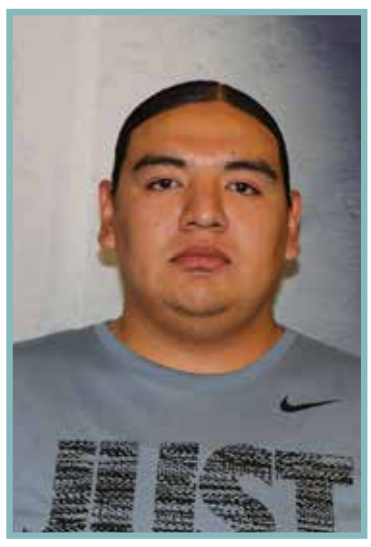
Associate of Science
Seminole State College

Matthew Botone
Bachelor of Arts
Mid-America Christian University

Lesa Chaney
Associate of Science
Carl Albert State College

Elliott Clay
Bachelor of Arts
Oklahoma Baptist University

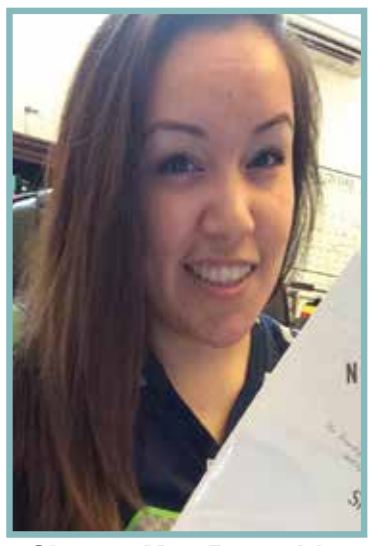


Juan Costilla
Associate of Science
Chief Dull Knife College

Maci Hinshaw
Bachelor of Science
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Michael Landrum
Bachelor of Arts
Northeastern State University

Jessica Limpy
Associate of Arts
Chief Dull Knife College



Shayna Mae Reynolds
Associate of Arts
Associate of Science
Northwest Indian College

Chris Tallbear
Master of Legal Studies
University of Oklahoma

Adam Youngbear
Bachelor of Science
Southern Nazarene University

> *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."*
> **Nelson Mandela**

Not Pictured:

Erik Abolmoloki
Bachelor of Science
Vanguard University

John Bellymule
Bachelor of Business
University of Oklahoma

Mary Faye Blackowl
Associate of Arts
Pawnee Nation College

Cierra Bowbeer
Master of Science
Saint Louis University

Leah Burrows
Master of Law
University of Tulsa

Dwayne Candy
Associate of Science
Trinidad State Jr College

Brenton Carney
Bachelor of Business
NW Oklahoma State University

Chebon Dawes
Bachelor of Arts
Haskell Indian Nations University

Marleta Fletcher
Associate of Science
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Logan George
Master of Education
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Amanda Goljenboom
Bachelor of Science
University of Wisconsin

Laquita Hail
Associate of Arts
Rose State College

Marianne Hamilton
Associate of Arts
Redlands Community College

Courtney Haury
Master of Science
University of New Mexico

Sonia Hoffman
Associate of Arts
Oklahoma City Community College

Marie Jaramillo
Associate of Arts
Central Wyoming College

Cheyenne Kasworm
Bachelor of Science
University of Arkansas

Erik Kenricks
Associate of Arts
Oklahoma City Community College

Roxann Mitta
Associate of Science
Arapahoe Community College

Ramon Mosqueda
Bachelor of Science
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Lauren Odom
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Polk State College

Erwin Pahmahmie
Associate of Science
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Minnie Ramos
Associate of Arts
Central Texas College

Charleta Richey
Associate of Arts
Redlands Community College

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Associate of Arts
Connors State College

Cayla Maurrer
Bachelor of Arts
Eastern Illinois University

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Associate of Science
Oklahoma City Community College

Michelle Merriman
Master of Science
University of Oklahoma

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William Washee
Bachelor of Arts
Northeastern State University

Zachery White
Bachelor of Arts
Northeastern State University

Arthur Whitecrane
Bachelor of Science
Arizona State University

Sherrell Whiteman
Bachelor of Business
New Mexico Highlands University

Emily Wilson
Associate of Arts
Redlands Community College

Latasha Yarborough
Associate of Arts
ITT Technical Institute

Congratulations to all the Graduates of 2015

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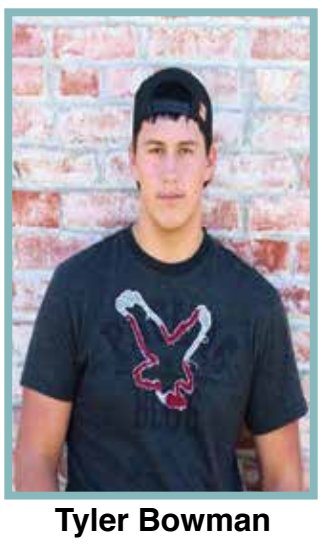
Jordan Bailey
Mustang High School



Tyler Bowman
Antlers High School

Cailyn Brown
Geary High School

Baylen Kyler
Bullcoming
Lookeba-Sickles High School

Danny Charley
Kingston High School

Destiny Dahmen
Flandreau Public High School

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Elijah Ellis
El Reno High School

Dylan Fox
Yukon High School

William Geionety
Carnegie High School

Mary Guy
Norman North High School

Lacrisha Harper
Watonga High School

Mollie Nicole Harrison
El Reno High School

Jennifer Hatten
Calumet High School

Bodhi Hines
Clinton High School

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Clinton High School

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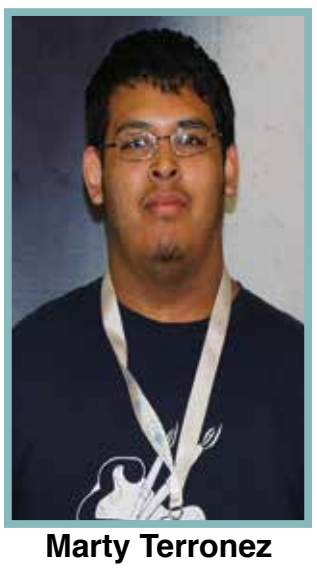

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James Bowie High School

Stephanie Turtle
Deer Creek High School

Justin Twins
Clinton High School

Aaron Whiteman
El Reno High School

Bruce Whiteman III
Riverside High School

Alexandra Mary Theresa Williams
Eagan High School

Evana Wilson
El Reno High School

Not Pictured

Aaron Arriaga
Clinton High School

Sara Bacon Maldonado
John F Kennedy High School

Elijah Beaver
El Reno High School

Sahara Black
El Reno High School

Danielle Blackwolf
El Reno High School

Tehya Brush
Riverside Indian School

Bryce Buffalomeat
Geary High School

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NW Classen High School

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Kamia Cornelius
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El Reno High School

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Noble High School

Ethan Green
Canton High School

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